GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1112
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2004
NPPA
Hasan Chaudhary Munawwar

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has failed to achieve any of the objectives for which it was set up;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to wind up this organization?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b) : The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) was set up by the Government in August,1997. It has been entrusted with the task, inter-alia, to fix prices and notify changes therein, if any, of bulk drugs and formulations, from time to time, under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order,1995 (DPCO,95). NPPA has been discharging its functions effectively. Since its inception, NPPA has fixed/revised the prices of 184 bulk drugs including derivatives and 2658 cases of formulations. NPPA has been taking steps for enforcement of prices fixed under DPCO,95 and this has resulted in recovery of overcharged amount of Rs.80.08 crores till October,2004 from the manufacturers who were not found following the prices fixed under DPCO,95.

(c) : No, Sir.